

Pedestrian Walkway Subcommittee Survey Freeform answers  
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**What destinations in Stow would you like to have walkways to?**

1. Library, Schools, Churches
2. Town Hall from other parts of town
3. Library, Post Office
4. Schools, so kids on Gleasondale Rd + Circuit Dr could walk to school!
5. neighborhoods
6. between residential areas
7. friend's house - too dangerous for kids
8. Hudson Road
9. I run - I want to run safely. I also have a baby, live on 117, and can't walk outside my door.
10. Rt 62
11. local convenience store(s) along major roadways that have yellow dividing lines
12. winding road areas where people drive 15 miles over the limit while talking on cell phones nearly hitting moms and dads pushing strollers
13. Connection to Maynard on Route 117
14. Connect up to Maynard, so people can walk to Maynard
15. Please finish the sidewalk on Sudbury Rd. between Barton and Pine Point....is that so hard?
16. schools (esp in between schools/library)
17. Along Hudson Road to Rte 117 from Arbor Glen neighborhood
18. along major roads like Route 62 and Sudbury Road
19. Be able to walk to shopping center and Delany project on Harvard Rd would be
20. great. There are MANY walkers who do not feel safe walking on the road as this is a busy street.
21. On dangerous sections of road
22. town offices
23. Gleasondale Road
24. Along heavy traffic roads such as Hudson Road, I-117
25. The business district is the most important destination area.
26. along major roads - Red Acre Rd but it would be impossible
27. Main Roads and Residential Areas

**Do you have any other suggestions for walkways in town?**

1. Red Acre Rd. would be a perfect location for a walkway - it is dangerous to walk and bike on with its hills and turns and the amount of traffic that it handles. It also has many families and is a beautiful road for a walk. There's an entrance to the Red Acre woodland trail that would be more used if walking down there was less dangerous.

2. Convenient walkways to shopping and recreation areas are a great idea, but the biggest issue is road safety for walkers. For example, anyone who lives on Red Acre Road would have a dangerous walk on Red Acre to get to the available conservation areas or shopping on 117.
3. Yes. Do NOT make these sidewalks narrow. Make it possible for a 10 year old on a bike to pass in the opposite direction with a mother with a big baby stroller. Do it right the first time, and don't make these too narrow, requiring re-doing in 20 years when the population is twice as big.
4. I'm very interested in walkways to promote healthy lifestyles. I'd like to see walkways/bikeways that families can use on the weekends, like a two-way along South Acton Road. I'd also like to see walkways where the seniors can enjoy a peaceful and scenic walk, while feeling safe to walk there for daily exercise. I'm
5. not sure where this would be.
6. keep the character of the town rural - I walk and ride my bike all over town - Rt. 117 & Pompo St. are great now
7. Thank you for your work on this. It seems that if more neighborhoods were connected to major roads and schools via sidewalks then kids could get exercise by walking or riding bikes to school. Perhaps the town could even cut back on a school bus, saving \$.
8. What about the Town Beach area?
9. I think the most important spot I would like to see improved is having a safe crossing of 117 at the intersection of 62. I would like to see a sidewalk in front of the library that would allow a continuous sidewalk from Hartley, down past the library (existing and new), across 117 and onto the east side of 62, extending
10. down past the cemetery and as far as Circuit Drive.
11. I think the highest priority for walkways should be to link the Library w/the Town Hall and Building, Russell's and Center School.
12. I don't understand #3--we have plenty of conservation land to "walk around" – if you're asking do I think we need more sidewalks, emphatically yes!
13. The country roads are just too narrow (boxboro road) to let my kids or me bike on them - a multi-purpose walkway would give us more freedom
14. Hudson Road is in dire need of a sidewalk. People do walk, ride bikes and jog down Hudson Road and it is a real safety issue with speed limits as high as 45MPH on that road. It would be a great way to connect the various
15. neighborhoods off Hudson Road as well.
16. Please build more!
17. PLEASE ADD SIDEWALKS! Sidewalks create a healthier environment for families.
18. We love the walkways in Lincoln/Sudbury that have trees separating the walkway from the road (also similar to the short one near Lake Boon). This would be a wonderful investment in the town and I think many would be willing to contribute to a fundraiser.
19. I have concerns around the maintenance of the walkways, both long term maintenance as well as winter access. I also believe that walkways should be secondary to completing the rail trail – if there isn't funding or cooperation for the rail trail, how do we expect to add another project for sidewalks?
20. Continue the existing Rte 117 sidewalk to connect to the Maynard 117 sidewalk.

21. There are some sidewalks in Stow, but we should have more. I like what Sudbury has, wooded sidewalks on rural roads like Red Acre. At a minimum, please finish the sidewalk on Pomposicutt, and down 117 to Eriksons so families can walk for ice cream...and also to downtown Maynard.
22. the walkway along pompositticut street is ugly and will wash away next winter - why bother?
23. Ensure there is enough signage to alert motorists of walkways and right-of-way for pedestrian traffic. Monitor pedestrian crossings and enforce fines for motorist disobeying speed limits and pedestrian right-of-way.
24. Take a hard look at where people do walk today! Kids are driven to soccer fields. They don't walk or ride bikes. However, if you look at neighborhoods people do walk. That is where the walkways should be.
25. I think having more bike access in Stow would be great. It is very dangerous to ride on the roads here since they are narrow and curvy.
26. Stow must increase the number of walkways so that people can exercise safely - without the fear of being hit by traffic.
27. We have a walkway in a small subdivision -- doesn't make sense. We need walkways on the major roads.
28. I am interested as long as it does not conflict with work schedule.
29. Finish the one on sudbury road so it can be used.
30. Don't bother building any new sidewalks unless they are going to be high quality, durable and maintainable. It would be a shame if they deteriorated due to poor design/construction. Harvard Acres for example has extensive sidewalks but they are in need of repair, sometimes overgrown and generally a mess with no clear responsibility on anyone's part to maintain them. I guess the message is don't force developers and private companies to build sidewalks if there is no clear responsibility for maintaining them.
31. Walkways should be multi-purpose - biking is also a great way to get around, but some roads just aren't very safe (for kids, especially) to ride. Recreational (not high speed) biking, roller-blading, etc (non-motorized) should be allowed as well. Paths don't necessarily have to be along roadways to reach a destination.
32. Why have we built a sidewalk to nowhere on Pompositticut Road (with granite curbs no less), while there is no sidewalk on Gleasondale Road?? I drive both roads every day. I have never seen anyone walking on Pompo Road, but many people walking dangerously on Gleasondale Road. This is crazy!!!
33. We moved into Stow 2.5 years ago and live off Hudson Road. Every day, I see kids and parents jogging, biking and walking Hudson road as if it were a country road, I fear for the safety of these folks, cars are flying by because the speed limit is set to 40 to 45 miles/hour.
34. Please consider West Acton Rd. It is extremely dangerous to travel by foot. The cars drive at a high rate of speed and there is very little dirt walking area. I will NOT let my children walk to a friend's house due to the safety issues. If there was a side walk I would not have an issue with them walking on our road. My mother is 20 houses away and I make them walk through the neighbor's yard....Safety first!

35. Walkways should focus first on the LV area. It is the densest concentration of homes/businesses in town. It is also the area in town with the highest risk for both pedestrian/vehicular accidents.
36. Please, connect Shaw's shopping area to Maynard
37. It seems to me that Stow is too spread out to make adding sidewalks economically feasible. We'd need too much sidewalk, and they would be used by few people. Where are people going to walk to anyway? There is no public transit (so you're not going to walk to the bus stop), and the only commercial stuff is lower village. That is miles and miles from most of Stow. Too far for most to walk.
38. Ample crosswalks where sidewalks switch to other side of street (at least at stop lights) would be great. Safety is important.
39. We believe that a walkway in the Town Common would be a waste of Town funds. All existing walkways should be in good repair and a fully funded ongoing maintenance plan should be implemented before new walkways are constructed. We support expanding the walkway system within the town with the stipulations mentioned herein. Thank you for your work!
40. Birch Hill/Lake Boon to Lower Village through town forest
41. walk lights
42. Complete walkway between Assabet river and Lake Boon along Sudbury rd
43. Gleasondale Rd
44. The real problem is on Rt 62
45. Packard Rd for access to schools!!
46. Walk and bike path along South Acton Rd is crucial to improving access to the commuter rail from Stow Ctr
47. walkways for strollers
48. All new roads should build extra space. Much cheaper to do it along with other road work. Add empty piping when building roads. Keeps roads from being dug up all the time.
49. Hudson Rd and Rt 62
50. I'd like bikeways and walkways
51. Path from Arbor Glen to 117 would be great
52. 62 is essential too
53. Red Acre Rd to town
54. Red Acre at least from 117 to Red Acre Woodlands
55. I like the way Lincoln Woods winds their walkways away from the edge of the road
56. Someone needs to spray the poison ivy along the walkway in front of Pompo
57. Keep it simple. Do not disrupt rural rustic atmosphere, just make a safe walkway along 117
58. Harvard Rd from 117 to Delaney
59. Crescent St would offer a circle walk - nice idea